vol.25 "Everyone's Looking"

It's just shopping
A date with Satou-san?
Thanks
Last one
You're going to get fat if you keep eating so much, you know!
Haruka, you've got mail.
You're not going to deny that it's with Satou-san, huh?
O
Uh huh
TEAR
TEAR
Nope, just out to shop
Where are you off to? Got a speech?

What's going on, Haruka?

MISAKI
KNOCK
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Haruka, Misaki

Beats me.
She just got upset on her own

There's something I'd like to ask you two if you don't mind

Nothing
Misaki, did something happen?

Huh?

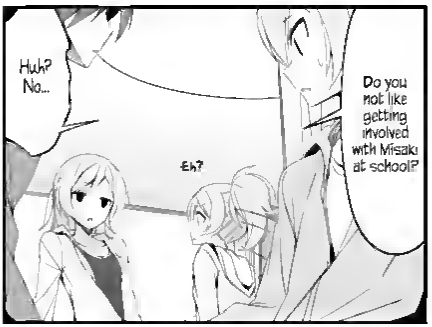
Ehhh...

The mood in here is kind of heavy...

Misaki planned to move up to the same high school as everyone else in the family
Together with Haruka, too.
Did you talk it out with Haruka?
Why?
Just leave me alone.
But instead,
Haruka took the entrance exams for a private boarding school without telling anyone.
it looks like he received a letter saying he passed just now
It's none of your business, Aka-nee.
But it is.
I'm your older sister
Grrrr...
And that's why Misaki is sulking
Thanks for the story.

Well...
Is there a reason why you want to be alone so much?

Haruka, why did you apply to a private school? A boarding school, no less..


Huh? No...
Eh?
Do you not like getting involved with Misaki at school?

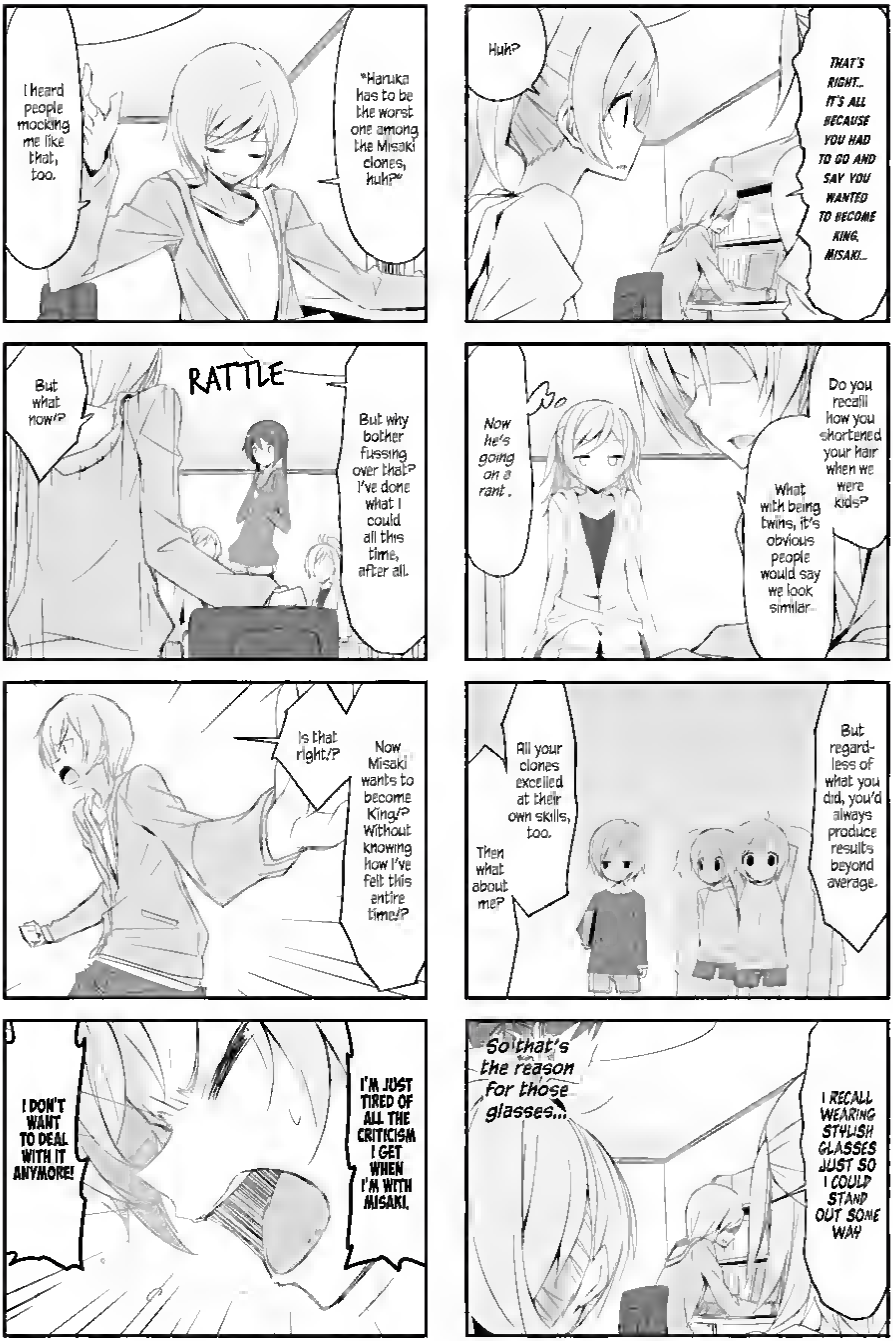
Don't you think it'd be easier if we're all together?
I mean, I'll still be there as a third year even after Kana-chan and the others graduate.

That's not really it but..

No real reason
I figured it'd be nice if I could live by myself

Or not, maybe getting involved with her is a pain, after all...
WHAT IS IT, THEN? STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH

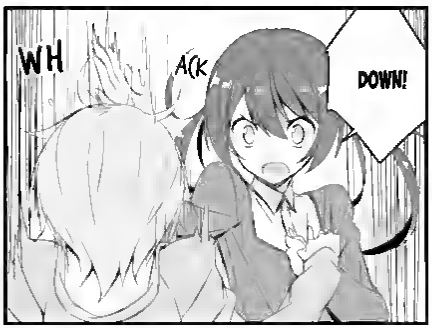
STOP TAKING OUT YOUR ANGER ON YOUR SIBLINGS.
I WANT BE WITH HARUKA. I DON'T CARE ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE
It's okay, it's okay.


I heard people mocking me like that, too.
"Haruka has to be the worst one among the Misaki clones, huh?"
Huh?
THAT'S RIGHT... IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU HAD TO GO AND SAY YOU WANTED TO BECOME KING, MISAKI...
But what now!?
RATTLE
But why bother fussing over that!? I've done what I could all this time, after all.
Now he's going on a rant.
Do you recall how you shortened your hair when we were kids?
What with being twins, it's obvious people would say we look similar.
Is that right!?
Now Misaki wants to become King!? Without knowing how I've felt this entire time!?
All your clones excelled at their own skills, too.
Then what about me?
But regardless of what you did, you'd always produce results beyond average.
I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH IT ANYMORE!
I'M JUST TIRED OF ALL THE CRITICISM I GET WHEN I'M WITH MISAKI.
So that's the reason for those glasses...
I RECALL WEARING STYLISH GLASSES JUST SO I COULD STAND OUT SOME WAY

I messed up the force there...
Y-Yeah... I'm fine.
Sorry Haruka... Are you okay?

HARUKA!
No way...

Can you be considered fine after that...?
I was only forced down by the pressure, so...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DOWN!

But what about you?
.. Hey Haruka, you said Misaki doesn't understand how you feel,

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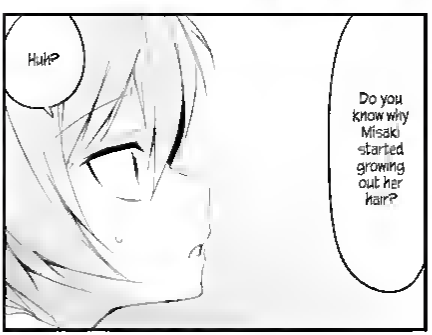
Ah.


Huh?
Do you know why Misaki started growing out her hair?

It doesn't hurt that much
.. JUST SO YOU KNOW, MY HANDS HURTS JUST AS MUCH, OKAY!?

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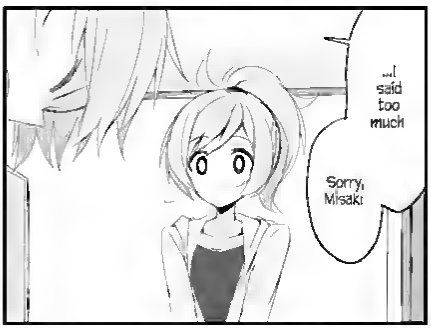
Come on, Haruka

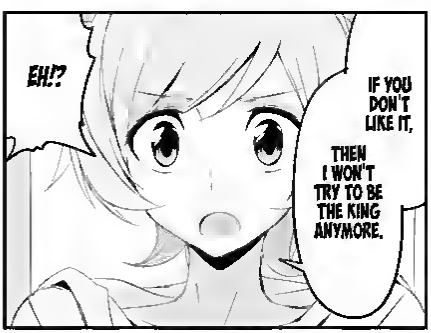
She was fully aware of how you didn't like being compared to her.


...I said too much
Sorry, Misaki

She tried her hardest to look different, even if only a little, for you.
So you're both one and the same, Haruka.

I didn't even think it through all the way when it came to you, Haruka..
..I'm sorry, too

Why do you think she was able to do that?
Even though she thinks growing out her hair is too much trouble.


EH!?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT,
THEN I WON'T TRY TO BE THE KING ANYMORE.

Right?
It's all because she wants to be with you, Haruka.

But...
I thought that I could get Haruka to recogonize me as number one amongst our siblings if I became King.

WAIT, WAIT! WHAT I SAID EARLIER IS SOMETHING ELSE!
There's really no point in becoming King if Haruka doesn't want me to...!!

B-But you'll go to another school if I keep running for King
I won't.
I'll probably disappoint him for real if I told him that...

And sure, I'd be lying if I said it didn't bother me, but...
I have no idea how people will look at me compared to you,

Unlike our siblings, she can see the world through the perspective of those lower in standing.
Misaki is sociable to the point she can do anything that the average person can

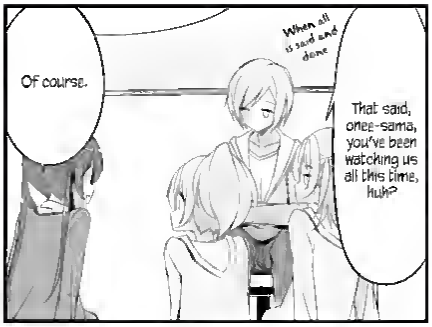
Then, I'll dislike that even more.
But if that becomes the reason why you decide to give up on your important dreams,

You're completely helpless unless I'm with you, so—
Those qualities make Misaki suitable to be King.

Eh?
There are things you want to happen by becoming King, right?

I REALLY WASN'T PLANNING TO BUDGE AT THE START, BUT SINCE MISAKI GOT SO UPSET AT ME,
I'm so glad that's over
Being your advisor doesn't sound too bad
You may be better than me at a lot of things, but I'm still the better student
I GOT SWEPT UP IN MY EMOTIONS AND COULDN'T BACK DOWN. I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO AT THAT POINT.
Good for you
If that's what Haruka really wants, then I don't want to betray his feelings.
Haruka
Phew
BUT WE FINALLY MANAGED TO COMPROMISE ON SOMETHING.
Right now, I don't have any ideals that people or Haruka would look up to.
Okay
That about sums up the situation, I suppose
I'll do my best.
But one day, I will.

Oh yeah, did you need something, Aka-nee?

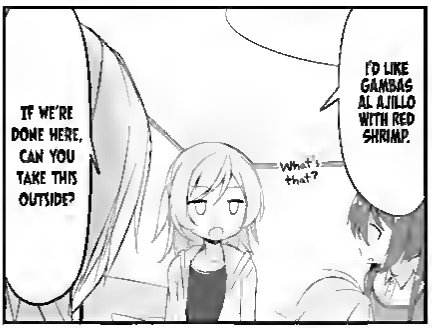

When all is said and done
Of course.
That said, onee-sama, you've been watching us all this time, huh?

Oh, right, I wanted to ask if there was anything you guys wanted for dinner

SQUEEZE
I've been your onee-chan the moment you two were born, after all...

Mom's the one cooking, you know
ANYTHING ONEE-CHAN MAKES IS DELICIOUS TO ME!

AKA-NEE!
Good girl, good girl
SQUEEZE


IF WE'RE DONE HERE, CAN YOU TAKE THIS OUTSIDE?
What's that?
I'D LIKE GAMBAS AL AJILLO WITH RED SHRIMP.

I'll pass...
Do you want to join, Haruka?